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1. RESOLUTION 157 XXXI ENDORSED THE OFFER OF IRAN TO ESTABLISH IN TEHRAN A REGIONAL CENTER TO BE FINANCED PARTLY BY HOST GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ESCAP MEMBER STATES.

2. FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS DURING SUBJ MEETING WITH WOMEN MEMBERS IRANIAN DEL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION CHIEF HOMJI BOTH REFLECTED UNWARRANTED HIGH LEVEL EXPECTATIONS THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE RECEPTIVE AND WILL MAKE MEANINGFUL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. PURSUING ISSUE OF FUNDING WITH HOMJI, EMBOFF LEARNED THAT SCHEILA ALBUQUERQUE OTC UNNY REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBJ MEETING MADE OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE PARTIAL UNDP FUNDING FOR WOMENS CENTER. TWO IRANIAN DEL WOMEN WERE REFRESHINGLY OPTIMISTIC THAT ESCAP MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD SUSTAIN OPERATIONS THRU FINANCIAL PLEDGES.

3. COMMENT:ESCAP EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BEAR LIONS SHARE OF COSTS FOR BOTH START UP AND ONGOING OPERATIONS. IRAN HAS NO PROBLEM IN FINANCING CENTER IF NEED ARISES. THIS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ESCAP PROBLEM SOLVING BY CREATING INSTITUTIONS. IF DONOR PLEDGES NOT FORTHCOMING, FUNDING WILL BE LEFT TO IRAN AND UNDP.

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